ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility information for the EHR Incentive Program for Eligible Providers (EPs)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Meaningful Use Support team at 877-952-7477 or by email at support@crisphealth.org. All specific questions related to meaningful use public health objectives can be directed to dhmh.mu_ph@maryland.gov

Medicaid EHR Program Overview

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) created the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program to provide incentive payments to eligible professionals (EPs). Its goal was to promote the adoption and meaningful use of interoperable health information technology (HIT) and qualified electronic health records (EHRs) in ways that improve quality, increase efficiency and promote safety. EPs may receive up to $63,750 available over six years. The first year's incentive payment is $21,250 and each subsequent year is $8,500.

Who is eligible for EHR Incentive Payments?

A Medicaid eligible professional (EP) is defined as a physician, nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, dentist, or physician assistant who furnish services in a Federally Qualified Health Center of Rural Health Clinic that is led by a physician assistant. As of January 1, 2013, optometrists now qualify to participate in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. To qualify for EHR incentive payment, a Medicaid EP must not be hospital-based and must meet one of the following criteria:
- Have a minimum 30% Medicaid patient volume
- Have a minimum 20% Medicaid patient volume, and is a pediatrician
- Be a physician assistant who practices predominantly in a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Center and have a minimum 30% patient volume attributable to needy individuals

EP Registration Dates

PROGRAM YEAR	OPEN	CLOSE
2015	April 1, 2015	March 31, 2016
2016	April 1, 2016	March 31, 2017
2017	April 1, 2017	March 31, 2018
2018	April 1, 2018	March 31, 2019

Want more information?

Please refer to the eMIPP User Guide for more detailed instructions on how to attest with the Maryland Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Additional information can also be found at HealthIt.gov and CMS.